

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 849

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A RESOLUTION to designate September, 2006, as "Menopause Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, in the year 2005, menopause affected 50 million American women, and more than 194,400 women in the State of Tennessee, and has already affected millions more; according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG); "the result will be a national health concern of dramatic proportions, unless women are better educated about the changes of menopause and the measures that can prolong and enhance their lives"; and

WHEREAS, if not properly treated by a trained physician or nurse practitioner, the health risks of pre-menopausal and post-menopausal women can result in an increased number afflicted by osteoporosis or cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, estrogen depletion, a symptom of in menopause, results in an increase of cardiovascular disease and osteoporosis, which cause the deaths of over 530,000 women per year; these numbers could reach staggering proportions as the Baby Boom generation continues to age; and

WHEREAS, the American Menopause Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit, national network of women, families, corporations, and health care professionals committed to research, education, public awareness, and advocacy for all women who need support and help with menopause-related health problems; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to designate September, 2006 as "Menopause Awareness Month" in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby designate September, 2006 as "Menopause Awareness Month"

in Tennessee, and encourage all citizens of this State to participate in the appropriate activities and programs to raise awareness of menopause.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the American Menopause Foundation, Inc. with this final clause omitted from such copy.